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brunch with friends

May 7, 9:30 am, Fetzer Center, Western Michigan University

The Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library and of Western Michigan University Libraries join forces for a special annual meeting this spring. The event begins with brunch followed by "Founding Friends," an enlightening historical view of Kalamazoo libraries. Reserve your place at the brunch for just \$15 per person. Call 553-7821 to RSVP by Friday, April 29.



Ladies Library,
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Generous philanthropists enriched the community through their gifts to Kalamazoo libraries. Learn about the origins and missions of these community assets.

The Kalamazoo Ladies Library Association, the first women's club organized in Michigan, completed its historic building in 1879. **Sharon Carlson**, director of the Western Michigan University Archives, will share LLA's history.



Public Library, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Historian and archivist **Lynn Houghton** will talk about Edwin and Cynthia Van Deusen, whose gift built the community's first public library on the corner of South and Rose.

Shirley Clay Scott, professor emerita, Western Michigan University, will discuss the Edwin and Mary Meader Rare Book Room at Waldo Library.

Librarian **Paul Smithson** will reveal his knowledge of the A. M. Todd Rare Book Collection at Kalamazoo College's Upjohn Library, gleaned from his years as its curator.

summer fun @ your library

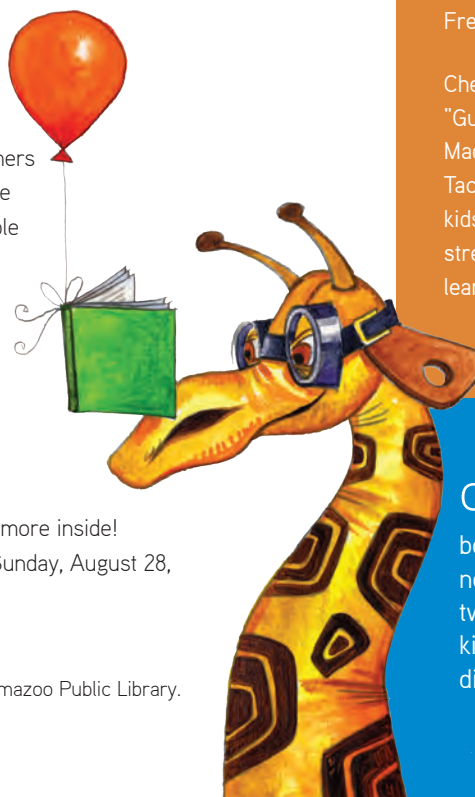
Take a trip with the Kalamazoo Public Library this summer! Teachers know that students' reading skills suffer if they don't read over the summer. Your library can help by making reading fun for the whole family. Sign up for summer reading beginning Tuesday, June 15.

The kids' game, **One World, Many Stories**, tween game, **Are We There Yet**, teen game, **You Are Here**, and adult game, **Novel Destinations**, all encourage reading through rewards and prize drawings at the end of summer. Even little ones ages 0-5 get a sticker each time they report books read to them.

Play the reading games and enjoy free events for all ages—learn more inside!
Save the date for an end-of-summer family-friendly concert on Sunday, August 28, 4 pm, in Bronson Park.



All summer reading games sponsored by the Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library.



krumping @ the library

June 14, 6 pm, POW

The Kzoo Street KonQuerors offer urban teens a positive outlet for anger and energy through krumping, a highly energetic, combative, stylized street dance that blends chest pops, arm swings, stomps, and more.



Chestin Grays and Darion Powell formed the KonQuerors four years ago. Since then, they've performed and taught other teens this faith-based art form at the Youth Development Center and Fresh Fire AME Church.

Chestin "Gully Konqueror," Darion "Gully Shinobi," Tashyah "Miss Gully Madness" Grays, and Jason "Gully Tactic" Ford share krumping to save kids from hanging with gangs on the street corner. See them perform and learn more @ the library.

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books & more



Where There Is Health, There Is Hope

May 16, 7 pm, Stetson Chapel,
Kalamazoo College

Met Deo and Dziwe, cofounders of Village Health Works in Kigutu, Burundi. Deo's story inspired the Reading Together 2011 book, *Strength in What Remains* by Tracy Kidder. Learn more, www.kpl.gov/deo

Meet Author David Strauss

May 3, 7 pm, CEN

Strauss shows how tastes cultivated at dining clubs and by *Gourmet* magazine helped prepare affluent Americans for French cooking lessons in his new book, *Setting the Table for Julia Child: Gourmet Dining in America*.

P Reading Range

May 11, 6 pm, CEN

June 8, 6 pm, CEN

Bring a brown bag meal (optional) then talk about Amy Tan's *Saving Fish From Drowning* in May and Debra Monroe's *On the Outskirts of Normal* in June. RSVP—call 568-8004 or online at readingrange.wordpress.com.

P Classics Revisited

May 19, 7 pm, CEN

Join lovers of classic literature to discuss Homer's *Odyssey*. Read James Joyce's *Ulysses* this summer for a September 15 discussion. www.classicbookgroup.blogspot.com

history & genealogy

R Your House's History

May 9, 7 pm, CEN

Have you always wanted to know more about your house or that great old building down the street? Learn research techniques and resources that will help you answer questions about the origin, style, past owners, and events associated with a building. Registration required; call 553-7808 or register online.

The Civil War in American Art

May 12, 7 pm, CEN

Jesse Bryant Wilder, author of *Art History for Dummies*, reveals the history of the Civil War through a multimedia spectacle incorporating both music and the work of such artists as Winslow Homer, Thomas Nast, and William Ludwell Sheppard.



Home, Sweet Home by Winslow Homer

R Intro to Genealogy

May 20, 1:30 pm, CEN

How to research your ancestry. Registration required; call 553-7808 starting May 2.

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.

P Program offered/sponsored by partner organization. Contact info at www.kpl.gov/calendar.

Buseum: Held on the Homefront

May 25, 10 am-1 pm, OSH

May 25, 2-5 pm, WSQ

During WW II, Axis soldiers captured in Europe and North Africa were sent to more than 660 prisoner of war camps in the U.S., 32 in Michigan. This mobile museum reveals little known stories of German POWs through narrative texts, artifacts, and media.

Michigan Railroads: Small Pictures, Big Stories

May 23, 6:30 pm, OSH

Hear author and compelling storyteller Mark Worrall tell fascinating tales based on rare photos from Michigan's railway past. His books include *Michigan Rail Disasters 1900-1940*.



Postcards to Michigan's Past

June 28, 7 pm, CEN

Before email and texting, folks sent quick notes via postcards. Dianna Stampfler shares her collection, featuring vintage views and heartfelt messages from a simpler time.

@ your library

® Ask a Lawyer

May 12, 6-8 pm, CEN

May 13, June 10, 11:30 am-1 pm, CEN

June 7, 6-8 pm, POW

Free legal clinic with Bar Association lawyers. Call 553-7920 for a 20-minute appointment.

Frozen Excellence

June 7, 7 pm, EAS

See culinary expert Bryan Hageman create ice cream, sorbet, and granitas with local summer fruits. Enjoy samples at this delectable program. YUM!

music

📍 GLAMA Slow Jam

May 10 6:30 pm, CEN

Can you play basic chords? Then join a slow jam with the Great Lakes Acoustic Music Association.

An Dro

May 18, 7 pm, CEN

An Dro performs Celtic-based, globally-infused, world-beat music. Armed with an array of acoustic instruments, they explore world traditions and perform original music in styles both ancient and modern.

Madcat, Kane & Maxwell Street

June 3, 6 pm, CEN

Peter Madcat Ruth and Shari Kane recruited Mark Schrock and Mike Shimmin for an acoustic quartet named after the famous Chicago street market where anything could be bought or sold, playing swampy, rootsy, woody, quirky blues.

BMF Band

June 15, 7 pm, CEN

Bryan Michael Fischer entertains crowds with his winning charm and powerful vocals, combining the styles of rockers like Bob Seger and Steven Tyler with blues idols Stevie Ray Vaughan and BB King to create a sound all his own.



BMF Band



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Madcat, Kane & Maxwell Street

news

save the date!

November 4, 2011

This fall's Youth Literature Seminar will feature **Holly Black** and **Robin Wasserman**!



The wondrous world **Holly Black** created in her beloved series *The Spiderwick Chronicles* enchanted kids 8 to 11. *White Cat* and *Red Glove*, the first titles in her new series, *Curse Workers*, features much darker fantasy that *Booklist* calls "a sleek and stylish blend of urban fantasy and crime noir."



Robin Wasserman explored the *Seven Deadly Sins* in seven books about seven teens "determined to get what they want, when they want it, whatever it takes." Her *Cold Awakening Trilogy* includes *Frozen*, *Shattered*, and *Torn*, all set in a high-tech future about Lia, killed in a crash then reborn as a machine.

new computers

KPL's new computers boast larger, widescreen monitors, CD burners, and USB ports so patrons can use their own flash drives to save documents and files. The USB ports accept memory card readers, making it much easier for patrons to move photos from their cameras to sites like Facebook and Flickr.

The computers run the Windows 7 operating system. Software includes Office 2010, with the latest versions of Word, Access, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher, and more.

Additional features include an easy typing tutorial, Zoom Text, magnification and reading software for the vision impaired, plus both Firefox and Internet Explorer web browsers!



KPL cardholders receive free internet access for up to two hours a day. Library printers cost just 10¢ a page.

Need help using the library's computers? Tech interns now offer basic support 40 hours each week at the Central Library. Hours vary. Learn more at www.kpl.gov/tech-support.

app debuts

Use the new KPL app to access basic KPL info with your iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad (iOS 3.2 or later). Download for free from the App Store.



Search the catalog for books, movies, or music then put the item you find on hold; see the hottest title, author, subject; and browse fiction, nonfiction, movies, and music lists to discover KPL's newest titles. Link to a great variety of recommended reading and best seller lists.

Don't have an iPhone? The Android App is coming soon! Until then, check out KPL's basic mobile site, www.kpl.gov/mobile.

book sale

June 4, 9 am-3:30 pm, CEN

Books for 10¢ each or \$2 for a bag full—what a bargain! Choose from thousands of books at the annual Friends of the Library sidewalk sale. Buy a book at the sale and get a coupon for a free bargain book (with purchase) in the Friends Bookstore!



tween/teen

R Make Your Mother's Day

May 3, 4-5:30 pm, POW

Create a special project for someone special this Mother's Day. We supply materials, you supply the creativity. Registration required. Gr 5-12.

T.A.B.

May 4, June 1, 3:30-5 pm, CEN

Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) members help Teen Services staff plan and promote great events, work on community service projects, eat snacks, play games, and just have fun! Membership looks great on resumes, job and college applications. Gr 7-12.

Cartooning with Kenji

May 5, 4-5 pm, POW

May 12, 4-5 pm, EAS

June 2, 4-5 pm, POW

June 9, 4-5 pm, EAS

June 16, 4-5 pm, OSH

Take your skills to the next level! Learn tips and techniques from comics master Kenji Jumanne-Marshall. No experience required. Gr 5-12.

Free Comic Book Day

May 7, CEN

Celebrate comics! Get a free comic book from your library (while supplies last). Pick up in the Teen Area. Gr 5-12.

R Games @ Powell

May 10, 6-7:30 pm, POW

We're more than books!! Wii, video games, music, prizes, snacks. Registration required. Gr 5-12.

T.A.B. Plus!

May 18, June 15, 3:30-5 pm, CEN

All the fun of T.A.B., but with a special twist. Hear from a teen librarian about new books for teens. Share what YOU like to read. Help Teen staff turn other teens on to great books, movies, and music. Gr 7-12.

YOU ARE HERE

For teens entering grades 9-12 next school year.

J-Pop Club

May 23, June 27, 3:30-5 pm, CEN

Love Japanese pop culture? Drop in for the latest manga, Anime, Pocky, and food. Gr 7-12.

Gamers' Arena: Analog

June 17, 2-4 pm, CEN

Put down the controller and pick up your wits! Play board, card, role-playing, and other non-digital games with West Michigan Gamers' Guild. Gamers of all levels welcome. Gr 5-12.

1 Chicago Boyz Acrobatics

June 24, 1:30 pm, POW

See amazing stunts, tricks inside twirling jump ropes, catapulting from mini trampolines, and tumbling routines executed with impeccable timing. This troupe performs at NBA, NFL, and college half-times. Family program.

SmashKart: National Smash Tournament

June 25, 2-4 pm, CEN

Two tournaments in one! Race against your friends in Mario Kart, or compete in a special online Smash Bros. tournament! Prizes and food. Gr 7-12.

ARE WE THERE YET?

For tweens entering grades 5-8 next school year.



summer reading games

June 15 through August 26

Read anything with pages to fill in your gameboard. Check off every day that you read for 20 minutes.

After 20 days of reading for 20 minutes, you'll earn a reward plus a chance to win at the end of summer prize drawing. Bring your gameboard to the library to claim your reward!

Earn bonus prize chances when you attend special events! Sign up beginning June 15!

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R Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.

1 Space limited; ticket required. Pick up FREE ticket one hour before event; one ticket per person.



kids

Party in the Park

June 1, 10-11 am, Bronson Park

Celebrate the joy of reading! Bring your preschool-aged children to a very special storytime featuring:

- A book for each child
- Healthy snacks and juice
- Lots of wonderful stories

Community leaders and costumed characters like Winnie the Pooh and the Cat in the Hat read stories throughout the free event.

Groups welcome! Call 553-7886 by Friday, May 27, with number of kids and adults attending.

Bring a blanket to sit on. Portable toilets will be available in the park.

Event cancelled in case of rain.



Event sponsored by Ready to Read, Kalamazoo Public Library's early childhood literacy initiative.

R Prime Time Family Reading Night

May 2, 9, 16, 6:30 pm, POW

Share a meal then share the best books in children's literature when Ruth Heinig and Robin Nott present songs and stories. It's a great opportunity for families with children from 6-10 years. Storytime and activities provided for younger children. FREE.

Toddler Talk

May 4, 11, 18, 25, 10 am-12 pm, OSH

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10 am-12 pm, OSH

Toddlers play while adults share joys/challenges of the 1-3 year old. Connie Koning, RN, facilitator.

Baby Talk

May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1:30-3:30 pm, OSH

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 1:30-3:30 pm, OSH

Talk about care of babies up to 1 year with other parents/caregivers. Connie Koning, RN, facilitator.

R LEGO @ the Library

May 10, 4:30 pm, CEN

May 28, 10 am, CEN

June 25, 10 am, CEN

Build by yourself or with others using our colorful LEGO collection! Registration required. 5-10 yrs.

R LEGO Club 7 and ups

May 7, June 4, 10:30-11:30 am, OSH

Build, create, race, inspire, and imagine with other LEGO fans. All bricks provided. Registration required. Ages 7-12.

I Binder Park Zoomobile

June 17, 11 am, EAS

Zoom on over to the library for an up close and personal visit with animals from the Binder Park Zoo. All ages.

I New Joel Tacey Show

June 20, 2 pm, OSH

Inspired by popular vaudeville performers of long ago, Joel Tacey performs dazzling juggling and a creative whirlwind of new tricks and old favorites. This interactive show, One-derful World of Comedy, leaves the whole family crazy about reading and laughing out loud!

I Pippin Puppets Show

June 21, 4 pm, CEN

Enjoy music, magic, and merriment in a new puppet show titled *Winning Wizards!* Family.

Flying Aces

June 23, 3 pm, OSH

Amazing Frisbee tricks plus an audience contest for signed Flying Aces Frisbees! Fun for all ages.

Tales on the Trails

June 24, 10 am, POW

Enjoy special outdoor storytimes featuring nature tales on the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail, right next to Powell Branch Library.

I Chicago Boyz Acrobatics

June 24, 1:30 pm, POW

See amazing stunts, tricks inside twirling jump ropes, catapulting from mini trampolines, and tumbling routines executed with impeccable timing. This troupe performs at NBA, NFL, and college half-times. Family program.

I What Are You Eating?

June 28, 2 pm, WSQ

Kalamazoo Nature Center shows you where in the world several of our everyday foods come from and the stories behind them with fun props and audience participation. Family.

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.

I Space limited; ticket required. Pick up FREE ticket one hour before event; one ticket per person.

storytimes

Storytimes for kids from birth to 5 years! Librarians consider developmental stages when planning stories, songs, fingerplays, and crafts. Siblings may attend, too.

Baby Lapsit

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 9:30 am, CEN

For babies from birth through walking.

Baby Steps

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 10:30 am, CEN

For walking babies up to two years.

Baby Storytime

May 4, 11, 18, 25, 6:30 pm, CEN

Songs, rhymes, books, for babies birth-2 years.

Toddler Storytime

May 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30 am, EAS

June 7, 14, 21, 28, 10 am, CEN

Stories, songs, simple crafts for 2-3½ year olds.

Preschool Storytime

May 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30 am, OSH

Stories, crafts, fun activities for 3½-5 year olds.

Family Storytime

May 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30 am, WSQ

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 10 am, CEN

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30 am, POW

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30 am, EAS

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30 am, OSH

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 10 am, CEN

June 7, 14, 21, 2 pm, WSQ

Fun for the whole family!

Singalong Storytime

May 17, 6:30 pm, CEN

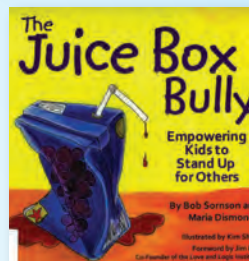
Sing along or listen. Enjoy favorite singalong songs, puppets, and a craft. Family.

Anti Bully

Art Workshop

May 24, 6:30 pm, CEN

Illustrator Kim Shaw bases a unique art program on her book, *The Juice Box Bully*, written by Bob Sornson and Maria Dimondy. Customized for KPL, Kim's program features a book reading, some time for questions and answers, and an interactive drawing workshop, all designed to empower kids to stand up for others. Best for kids ages 5-11.



summer reading games

June 15 through August 26, 2011

Read to Me

Reading to your baby, toddler, and preschooler helps their brains grow! Sign them up for summer reading and visit the library often. Your little ones will earn a sticker every time they visit the library and show their summer reading gamecard.

One World, Many Stories

Summer reading games help kids entering grades 1-4 next fall maintain skills learned in school. Every time they visit the library and show their summer reading gamecard, your kids will earn a colorful bead.

Kids of all ages may read anything with pages for 20 minutes to check off a day on their gameboard. After 20, 40 and 60 days of reading for 20 minutes a day (not necessarily in a row), kids will earn a reward, plus a chance to win at the end of summer prize drawing.

All summer readers may earn bonus prize chances when they attend special events! Prize drawings will take place at events. Learn more when you sign up at your neighborhood library.



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director's note

collaboration benefits community



As I write this note, WMUK and the Kalamazoo Community Foundation are joining forces during WMUK's spring fund drive to support Ministry with Community. Joint ventures like this have enriched Kalamazoo for generations.

Kalamazoo Public Library has worked with each of those organizations on projects like Reading Together, the community reading program that KPL launched with the Foundation's support in 2003. As Reading Together concludes in May, we thank the many groups whose time, knowledge, and talent contributed to another successful year.

During the strategic planning process we started about a year ago, we compiled a list of our many partnerships. We were very pleased to identify almost 100 active community partners in a wide variety of relationships.

Many of our partnerships focus on services to preschoolers—our #1 priority. We support Even Start and Early Reading First, serve on the Parent Education Committee and board of the Great Start

Collaborative, provide many services to Head Start children and their families, and often offer storytimes at events sponsored by others.

We frequently collaborate with schools. KPL's Global Reading Challenge involves hundreds of 4th and 5th graders in a district-wide battle of the books. Cultural partners include Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, the Civic Theater, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo Film Society, Great Lakes Acoustic Music Association, Kalamazoo Valley Museum, and others.

KPL staff members in ONEplace@kpl, Local History Room, Law Library, neighborhood branch libraries, Patron Services, and other areas foster collaborations, develop programs, and share resources with a range of partners,

including the Kalamazoo County Bar Association, the Old House Network, Tax Counseling Initiative, and Dispute Resolution Center of West Michigan.

That's just a small sample, but it makes the point. Our partnerships support KPL's vision to help "create a community where people aspire to learn, engage and thrive." We're proud to partner with so many others in Kalamazoo,

as active, responsive, and committed members of the community.

Ann Rohrbaugh
Library Director



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315 S Rose St, 49007
553-7820

Eastwood – EAS

1112 Gayle Ave, 49048
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7265 W Main St, 49009
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